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Sheriff Dan C. Murphy Indorsed for Governor By A. F. of L. Gathering

Sheriff Dan C. Murphy of San Francisco, candidate for governor, and William Gibbs McAdoo, candidate for United States senator to succeed himself, headed the list of aspirants for political honors who received the indorsement of the American Federation of Labor Political League of California in the two-day conference held in Santa Barbara last Saturday and Sunday, which was participated in by nearly 800 delegates.

The selection of Murphy to be the standard bearer of labor in the coming campaign was made after the delegates had rejected a proposal made by followers of the other major bidders for the indorsement, to remain neutral in the contest.

Majority of All Votes for Murphy

The committee on candidates recommended the indorsement of Murphy and also that the person receiving the highest number of votes be indorsed for governor, but the delegates amended the committee report to provide that the candidate to be indorsed must receive a majority of all the votes cast.

On a roll-call vote Murphy received a majority of eleven over all his competitors. The vote was as follows:

Murphy	304
Olson	179
Dockweiler	82
Legg	26
O'Connor	6

Following the announcement of the above vote a motion was adopted declaring Murphy the unanimous choice of the conference.

Indorsements by the conference for other state officers were:

Lieutenant Governor—James M. Hyde, Democrat, Hollywood, and Jerrold L. Seawell, Republican, Roseville.

Secretary of State—Frank C. Jordan, Auburn.

Controller—No recommendation.

Treasurer—Charles G. Johnson.

Attorney General—No recommendation.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Walter F. Dexter.

Representatives in Congress

For members of the state's delegation in Congress the following were indorsed by the convention. (In four instances for this office, and also in various state senatorial and assembly districts, as will be noted below, the convention made no indorsement and referred the subject back to the labor bodies in the district involved):

First district, Clarence F. Lea, Santa Rosa; second, Harry L. Englebright, Nevada City; third, Frank H. Buck, Vacaville; fourth, Franck R. Havenner, San Francisco; fifth, Richard J. Welch, San Francisco; sixth, Albert E. Carter, Oakland; seventh, John H. Tolan, Oakland; eighth, John J. McGrath, San Mateo; ninth, D. W. Gearhart, Fresno; 10th, referred to labor bodies of the district; 11th, Dwight W. Stephenson, Glendale; 12th, H. Jerry Voorhis, San Dimas; 13th, Charles Kramer, Los Angeles; 14th, Thomas F. Ford, Los Angeles; 15th, John M. Costello, Hollywood; 16th, referred; 17th, referred; 18th, Byron N. Scott, Long Beach; 19th, referred; 20th, Edward V. Izac, San Diego.

For members of the State Board of Equalization the following were indorsed:

First district, P. J. McMurray, San Francisco; second, Fred E. Stewart, Oakland; third, George Cecil Gardner, Napa; Fourth, action deferred until after primary.

State Senators

For the office of state senator elections occur in even numbered districts only this year, and for these places the convention action was:

Second district, Edward H. Kaupp, Yreka; fourth, no recommendation; sixth, no recommendation; eighth, no recommendation; 10th, no recommendation; 12th, Herbert W. Slater, Santa Rosa; 14th, Edgar C. Levey, San Francisco; 16th, P. W. McDonough, Oakland; 18th, John D. Foley, San Jose; 20th, Bradford S. Crittenden, Stockton; 22nd, J. C. Garrison, Modesto; 24th, no recommendation; 26th, Jesse M. Mayo, Angels Camp; 28th, Charles Brown, Shoshone; 30th, Percy C. Church, Fresno; 32d, no recommendation; 34th, Harry B. Miller, Bakersfield; 36th, referred to labor bodies of district... Parson M. Abbott, Los Angeles; 40th... cher, San Diego.

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Following is the ... giving approval to candidate... various assembly districts, or referring same to the labor bodies of the district:

First district, Michael J. Burns, Eureka; second, referred to labor bodies of district; third, John H. O'Donnell, Woodland; fourth, Seth Millington, Gridley; fifth, Ernest C. Crowley, Suisun; sixth, referred; seventh, Hubert C. Scudder, Sebastopol; eighth, referred; ninth, referred; 10th, Harold F. Sawallisch, Richmond; 11th, Charles M. Weber, Stockton; 12th, James E. Thorp, Lockeford; 13th, James M. Cassidy, Oakland; 14th, George P. Miller, Alameda; 15th, referred; 16th, referred; 17th, Henry P. Meehan, Oakland; 18th, Henry A. Dannenbrink, Berkeley; 19th, referred; 20th, Thomas A. Maloney, San Francisco; 21st, Hugh M. Bell, San Francisco; 22d, referred; 23d, referred; 24th, John P. McLaughlin, San Francisco; 25th, Melvin I. Cronin, San Francisco; 26th, Ray Williamson, San Francisco; 27th, Harry F. Morrison, San Francisco; 28th, Leland J. Lazarus, San Francisco; 29th, referred; 30th, Francis J. Heraty, Palo Alto; 31st, M. G. Del Mutolo, San Jose; 32d, Hugh P. Donnelly, Turlock; 33d, referred; 34th, Jacob M. Leonard, Hollister; 35th, referred; 36th, Hugh M. Burns, Fresno; 37th, S. L. Heisinger, Fresno; 38th, referred; 39th, referred; 40th, referred; 41st, Rodney L. Turner, Delano; 42d, Elmer E. Lore, North Hollywood; 43d, referred; 44th, referred; 45th, referred; 46th, referred; 47th, Eleanor Miller (Rep.), Pasadena, and Carrie H. Paulsen (Dem.), Pasadena; 48th, T. Fenton Knight (Rep.), La Canada, and Leslie H. Preston (Dem.), Pasadena; 49th, referred; 50th, referred; 51st, Russell M. Reed, Sr., Los Angeles; 52d, referred; 53d, Frank G. Pellett (Dem.), Wilmar, and Frederick F. Houser (Rep.), Alhambra; 54th, Harry A. Barbour, Los Angeles; 55th, referred; 56th, referred; 57th, Charles W Northrup, Los Angeles; 58th, Frank J. Waters, Jr., Los Angeles; 59th, referred; 60th, referred; 61st, referred; 62d, referred; 63d, Don A. Allen, Los Angeles; 64th, referred; 65th, Edward J. Nagle, Los Angeles; 66th, Thomas W. Howard, Los Angeles; 67th, Cecil R. King, Los Angeles; 68th, referred; 69th, Fred P. Glick, Southgate; 70th, referred; 71st, Paul Peek, Long Beach; 72d, referred; 73d, referred; 74th, referred; 75th, Burr A. Brown, Seal Beach; 76th, referred; 77th, referred; 78th, Jeanette E. Daley, San Diego; 79th, Paul A. Richie, San Diego; 80th, Vincent Whelan, Bonita.

In giving the indorsement to United States Senator McAdoo for re-election, the conference declined to accept the committee's suggestion that Ray L. Riley be supported for the Republican nomination for that office.

The two initiative proposals having for their purpose the regulation of highways and motor vehicles were referred to the September convention of the State Federation of Labor. One of these measures is sponsored by the automobile clubs, the other by the California Highway Patrol.

The "Women of the Pacific," an organization antagonistic to labor, was unanimously rebuked by adoption of a committee report asserting that success of the proposal presented by the women's group means death to union organizations in California. The conference likewise recommended defeat of the initiative proposal for the so-called regulation of union organizations which is being sponsored by the Farmers' Association.

Not one dissenting vote was cast on the recommendation that labor approve the Garrison Act, passed at the 1937 session of the Legislature to legalize the issuance of revenue bonds to finance public ownership of essential utilities. The bill will be before the voters at the November election, its effect having been held up by referendum petitions.

Court of Appeals Bans One-Man Street Cars— Profit Not a Factor

Reversing a previous decision by Judge Harold Louderback of the Federal District Court that the ordinance of the City of San Francisco banning one-man street cars was unconstitutional, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals last week handed down a decision holding cars operated by one man to be illegal and banishing them from the city's streets.

The decision was rendered in an appeal filed by the City and County of San Francisco, appellant, versus the Market Street Railway Company, respondent, and was concurred in by all three judges.

The opinion, written by Judge Denman, ruled that the ordinance voted by the citizens in 1935, requiring street cars to be operated by both motorman and conductor, was constitutional. Concurring opinions were written by Judges Curtis D. Wilbur and Bert Haney.

Will Probably Go to Supreme Court

The Market Street Railway was given thirty days in which to apply for a rehearing before the Circuit Court or to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The city attorney's office, which had fought the case, expressed the belief the railway would take the case to the Supreme Court.

"As soon as the decision is final, we will take steps to enforce all provisions of the ordinance," City Attornely O'Toole said. His deputy, Henry Heidelberg, handled the case.

The Market Street Railway had maintained that insistence on two-man cars would drive them out of business and would therefore amount to confiscation of their property.

Question of Profit Is Immaterial

Judge Denman ruled, in effect, that whether the line can make money with two-man cars or whether it can not is immaterial. The only issue at stake is the right of the people of San Francisco to pass a safety ordinance under the police power.

He held that it was reasonable to believe that two-man operation of street cars is safer and therefore such an ordinance was within the power of the city to pass.

It is no "fanciful conjecture" that "more lives will be saved and fewer persons injured if all these manifold duties of the conductor are not thrown upon the motorman," he said.

LEAVES FIELD TO C. I. O.

A request from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, that organizers of a new A. F. of L. General Garment Workers' Union withdraw from the field in San Francisco, in which the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union operates, was made public Tuesday last.

Benjamin N. Cardozo, Supreme Court Justice, Succumbs to Illness

Associate Justice Benjamin Nathan Cardozo of the United States Supreme Court died at Port Chester, N. Y., on Saturday last from the chronic heart ailment that forced him to abandon active work on the bench last December.

The end came at the home of his friend, Judge Irving Lehman of the New York State Court of Appeals. Judge Lehman and Joseph Rauh, secretary to Cardozo, were at the bedside.

Strength Sapped by Hot Weather

The 68-year-old jurist was conscious to the last, but did not speak. He went to Port Chester last April to recuperate at the Lehman estate, and made favorable progress until a week ago, when effects of a hot spell that sapped his strength became noticeable and he was placed under an oxygen tent.

Private funeral services were held at the home of Judge Lehman Monday afternoon, with interment in the cemetery of the congregation of Shereth Israel at Cypress Hill, Long Island. Rabbi B. J. Cardozo, not a relative, officiated.

A bachelor, Cardozo had lived with his sister, Nellie Cardozo, until she died a few years ago. In Washington he lived at a hotel.

Prominent in "Liberal" Group

Cardozo was elevated to the Supreme bench when the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes resigned in January, 1932, and was immediately linked up with the so-called liberal group—then a minority—on the bench. The others were Justices Harlan Stone and Louis D. Brandeis.

His appointment was notable in that it was one of the few that did not raise any wave of objections from any quarter. The appointment was made by President Hoover, with the recommendation of Senators William E. Borah of Idaho and Robert F. Wagner of New York.

Cardozo, as a Judge of the Court of Appeals in New York State, was known throughout the country for his liberal exposition of law.

Cardozo's record on "new deal" cases was consistently on the side of the administration. He voted to uphold the gold clause ban, the A. A. A., the T. V. A., the Guffey act, the city bankruptcy act, the New York unemployment insurance law, the Frazier-Lemke act, the Wagner act and the social security act. He voted against the N.R.A.

He was known as a prodigious worker, toiling sometimes from fourteen to sixteen hours a day. He rose early and was frequently seen walking in the morning. He took up golf upon the advice of a physician, but was never very proficient.

WORST OF RECESSION IS OVER

Jesse Jones, chairman of the R.F.C., says he thinks the worst of our recession is over, and that he never has been able to find any excuse for it going as far as it did. The R.F.C. has helped the smaller man in business to obtain loans, Jones declared, saying that 1133 industrial loans, totalling more than $78,000,000, had been approved since February 20; and that 2493 applications for nearly $94,000,000 were under consideration.

TO BAR STEEL PAY CUTS

Acting Secretary of Labor Charles V. McLaughlin, in an apparent administration move to forestall possible wage cuts in the basic steel industry, announced this week that a public hearing will be held July 25 to fix minimum wage rates for firms supplying the government with steel. The announcement came less than a month after major steel companies reportedly were considering pay reductions following a cut in steel prices.

State Council for C. I. O.

With the object of forming a state council in California, a convention of delegates elected by unions and industrial councils affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization will be held in Los Angeles on August 20 and 21.

The call for the convention declares "a California industrial union council, which shall be a permanent organization in California to carry out economic and social objectives of the C. I. O.," is contemplated.

Pacific Coast Seaports Again Threatened With Industrial Commotion

A "stop-work" order issued by officials of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union for the purpose of holding a meeting to discuss the refusal of the employers to re-execute the waterfront agreement in the name of that union had the effect of holding up the loading and discharging of cargo of twenty-two ships for which longshore crews had been ordered on Saturday last.

At the meeting, held in Dreamland Auditorium, 4200 longshoremen are reported to have unanimously indorsed a resolution introduced by the executive committee of the union, authorizing a call for a coastwise stoppage of work if shipowners decline to re-execute the agreement in the name of Local 1-10, I. L. W. U.

Waterfront Employers Protest

While the meeting was being held Almon E. Roth, president of the Waterfront Employers' Association of the Pacific Coast, made public letters to the longshoremen and other waterfront and maritime unions saying that the meeting would constitute the third stoppage of work by the unions within a week, and "it is obvious that such interruptions to commerce can only result in substantial injury to an already sick industry." The letter to the longshoremen said:

"Since no specific proposals concerning wages, hours and working conditions have yet been made by the employers, we fail to see how these meetings can achieve any useful purpose to your union."

Similar meetings were held in the other three principal Coast ports.

Position of the Union

A statement by John Shomaker, business agent for I. L. W. U. No. 1-10, said:

"We did not want to call this meeting, but it was forced on us by the employers, who have refuted their town meeting pledge and refused to re-execute the existing longshore agreement in our name. Thus you might say this meeting was called by the employers, not us. Our jobs, our wages and the very existence of our union are at stake in this issue. It is a real emergency."

The basis of the longshoremen's objections is that, despite certification of the I. L. W. U. by the National Labor Relations Board and a decision by Superior Judge Robinson awarding the I. L. W. U. legal ownership of the contract, the agreement still reads as between the shipowners and the A. F. of L. International Longshoremen's Association.

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Dr. Bloch Is Named on Maritime Labor Board

President Roosevelt announced the appointment of the members of the new Maritime Labor Board on July 7, as follows:

Dr. Louis Bloch of San Francisco, Robert W. Bruere of New York, and Claude E. Seehorn of Colorado. Bruere is named chairman.

The appointment of Dr. Bloch, who is well known in San Francisco, was received with satisfaction by both maritime labor and employers in this port. He is probably better acquainted with maritime affairs on the Pacific Coast than any man who could have been named for the position.

Dr. Bloch formerly was chief statistician for the State Department of Industrial Relations, and was loaned to the National Longshoremen's Board during the 1934 strike. He participated in the arbitration of that controversy and again in the oil tanker arbitration.

Later he was loaned to the State Emergency Relief Administration, then to the Social Security Board to become its chief statistician in the Bureau of Research in Washington. At present he is labor relations expert for the Maritime Commission.

Bruere, the chairman of the new board, is an author and educator, at present commissioner of conciliation for the Department of Labor. Formerly he served as chairman of the cotton textile industrial relations board under the N.R.A.

Seehorn lives in Denver and is general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen for the Colorado & Southern Railroad, and a national director for the Brotherhood.

The board is directed to submit to the President and Congress by March 1, 1940, a "plan for the establishment of a permanent federal policy for the stabilization of maritime labor relations." Compulsory arbitration is not contemplated under the terms of the law creating the commission.

Many Groups Being Organized To Further Campaign of Shelley

The campaign of John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council and graduate of Mission High School and University of San Francisco, for state senator from San Francisco, gained added strength in every section of the city during the week, with many groups organizing to promote his election, according to James B. McSheehy, his campaign manager.

To advance his campaign among civic and fraternal groups, a Shelley-for-state-senator speakers' bureau was formed at his headquarters, 617 Market street. As chairman and organizer, Attorney S. A. Ladar will direct activities, Stanley Leavell, headquarters manager, announced.

A member of the speakers' bureau will be Miss Dorothy Williams, assistant United States attorney, recognized as one of the most brilliant women attorneys of California.

Among the groups organized during the week was a Spanish Speaking Voters' Shelley-for-State-Senator Club, of which Mrs. L. Echeverria, 1651 Jerrold avenue, president, will be in charge.

A "personal appearance" campaign by the candidate, requiring four to six speaking engagements nightly up to the primary election on August 30, is being arranged.

Among other activities being planned is a Shelley dance at Dreamland Auditorium on Saturday evening, July 30. Joseph A. Murphy is chairman of the committee.

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Andrew Furuseth, "Viking's" Nephew, Visits Federation Headquarters

Andrew Furuseth was a recent and interested visitor at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor in Washington, D. C.

It was not the "Old Viking," who was president of the International Seamen's Union of America for many years until his death last January 22, but his nephew, who is a student at the University of Norway, in Oslo, Norway, who had come to the United States for a short summer vacation.

Young Furuseth was received by old friends of his uncle. He paid his respects to the officers of the American Federation of Labor and visited the haunts in the Capitol and elsewhere in Washington where his illustrious namesake carried on seamen's legislative work for many years.

Twenty-three years of age, Furuseth is specializing in the study of science. He speaks excellent English and is nearly as tall as his uncle. Shortly after his visit to Washington he departed for Norway on the same ship that brought him to America.

Anti-Union Donnelley Publications Are Opposed by Organized Labor

The nation-wide publicity campaign directed by the Chicago Allied Printing Trades Organizing Committee calling attention to the periodicals and other printed matter produced by the anti-union R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., whose main plant and general offices are in Chicago, is getting definite results, according to reports received by the committee.

Adverse publicity regarding the publications printed by the Donnelley concern is reported as being carried on by a large number of central labor bodies, allied printing trades councils, building trades councils, metal trades councils and local unions.

Safety Conference

Timothy A. Reardon, director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, announces that a meeting of representatives of eleven Western states, to be known as the Western Safety Conference, has been called to be held in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, from September 12 to 16. Suggestions that may be useful in this work are solicited.

The conference is to be comprised of delegates from the government subdivisions of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, as well as the territories of Hawaii and Alaska, and Lower California and British Columbia.

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No Sick Leave Pay for Institutional Workers

Sixty-six nurses and institutional workers in the San Francisco Health Department are being deprived of sick leave pay because of a lack of funds, it was learned last week.

Health Director Geiger in a letter to Chief Administrative Officer Cleary asked that some arrangement be made to meet the obligations and also to provide funds to cover sick leaves during the new fiscal year.

Accumulated claims of the sixty-six employees amount to about $3500 for a total of 1100 days of illness. Individual claims range from one to 135 days. Under an ordinance amended last year monthly employees are entitled to two weeks' sick leave per year, which is cumulative up to six months.

A check was being made at the controller's office to determine if surpluses from the last fiscal year would be sufficient to provide funds to cover contingencies during the new year. The retirement board was also studying the problem with a view to making a recommendation.

Protest Merriam's Action

Pickets were ordered in front of the Governor Frank F. Merriam campaign headquarters at Eighth and K streets, Sacramento, this week.

The pickets represented the Workers' Alliance, which announced it is protesting against the governor's refusal to act on a complaint against the sending of single men to State Relief Administration camps.

Immense Fund Accruing Under Unemployment Reserves Statute

Governor Frank F. Merriam is "seriously considering" proposed changes in the unemployment reserves act.

"We are collecting a tremendous amount of money—more than seems necessary," he said last week.

The governor said the worker is going to ask for an increase in the amount of unemployment benefits, while the employer is seeking a cut in the rate of contributions.

A third possibility which may come before the 1939 session of the Legislature is an amendment to relieve the employee of paying to the fund, now over $80,000,000, Merriam said.

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Fake "Labor" Initiative

Under date of June 25 the State Federation of Labor addressed to "all central labor councils and affiliated unions" a circular letter as follows:

"Anti-labor groups are on the march in California to destroy organized labor. Misguided individuals or organizations who have given a willing ear to those opposing the rights of the workers for their own selfish interests are aiding our enemies. Our enemies are moving in every direction by subterfuge and fraud in an attempt to deceive citizens into supporting vicious repressive anti-labor proposals.

"Labor must awaken to the importance of quickly and diligently combating all anti-labor proposals.

"Immediate action must be taken by every union to prevent the sponsors of the so-called 'labor organizations' initiative from obtaining the necessary signatures to put it on the ballot. If it goes on the ballot it will cost every union in California many dollars to fight it at the November election.

"If your organization is not familiar with this measure through the labor press or other channels you are urged to obtain a copy of it, along with legal opinions showing what it proposes to do to your organization and all others, and appoint a committee at once to prevent sponsors from obtaining the necessary signatures.

"This office is doing everything possible in a legal way in an effort to defeat the measure, but it is absolutely necessary that the support of the entire labor movement be thrown into the fight at once. We can not take a chance.

"A committee should be named at once to combat this and other anti-labor measures.

Should Learn English First

Dr. Alexander Goldenweiser, Reed College sociologist, addressing the Stanford University educational conference last week, recommended that courses in foreign languages be eliminated from the public schools.

"Never have I encountered an ordinary student who actually learned a foreign language in our schools. Let them learn English first, then when they grow up, if they want, let them study other tongues," he said.

There is sound common sense behind the good doctor's remarks. How often do we hear someone with a woeful lack of knowledge of his native English quoting with equal ignorance from the work of a foreign author, reminding one of the story of the man who boasted of his linguistic acquirements.

"I spik three language," he said. "Yes," replied his grouchy acquaintance, "and can make yourself understood in neither."

The American Youth

A Conference on Social Education was held at Stanford University last week, the feature of which was a report by Homer P. Rainey, director of the American Youth Commission of Washington, on the results of his survey of the problems of American youth.

One of the startling statements of Rainey was that "the one reason that five million unemployed American young people, ranging in age from 16 to 25 years, have not followed a dictator is that there is no man in public life who has been able to win their support."

If this be true it is a terrible indictment against the government and people of the United States. From the inception of the "new deal" there has been an extraordinary effort on the part of the government to provide for the future of the young men and young women who are being turned out of our educational institutions to face a world turned topsy-turvy by the revolution in industry and commerce and the changed conditions brought about by the world financial and industrial depression. If failure must be chalked up against the government efforts in behalf of the young people it is a matter of the utmost concern to the nation.

Rainey stated to the Stanford conference that he and his staff, using the personal interview technique, had questioned fifty thousand young people, and ascertained "that 46 per cent of American youth between 16 and 25 have never had a job. They spend two or three years after their graduation from high school looking for work," he said.

"There are five million youngsters in that plight today. On just such a situation as this were Hitler and Mussolini able to ride to power. They found dissatisfied youth and capitalized on it.

"The major danger to this country today is the fact that American youth is ready to follow a dictator. The one reason they haven't is that they distrust all political leaders."

Rainey said that the great gap between graduation and the first job for the individual youth must be bridged by the United States Employment Service, which should make every effort to guide the young man or woman and eventually find work for applicants.

Following Stalin's Example

A Detroit dispatch of July 9 reports the first step by Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, toward completing his "purge" of enemies within the union was the expulsion of George Addes, its secretary and treasurer.

Thirteen Martin supporters and five anti-Martin board members assembled for the hearing. When Addes charged that the trial was being conducted "with proceedings that might be expected of Adolf Hitler" five opposition members left the room. That left the trial entirely in the hands of Martin's forces.

Four vice-presidents who are to go on trial July 25 are Richard Frankensteen, Ed Hall, Wyndham Mortimer and Walter Wells.

The propaganda of the Lewis group of "unions" stresses the "democratic" principles upon which they are supposed to have been founded. So a bloc of thirteen members proceeds to demonstrate their democracy by expelling an official who presumably was elected by a vote of the general membership. "Democracy!"

Steel has come down in price more than it did in 1933, even with the bait then of a big order of rails. It is just possible that some of these captains of industry are beginning to learn something. But Secretary Ickes won't believe that until he sees a drop in cement.

This Is Not Democracy!

An organization calling itself the "Anti-Alien League of Americans," formed for the avowed purpose of combatting espionage and anti-American activities, has filed incorporation papers with the California secretary of state.

Other principles of the organization are revision of laws to make citizenship mandatory after a person has been in the United States two years, and establishment of a research bureau to catalogue aliens and give all matters pertaining to aliens nation-wide publicity.

The incorporators, who will also act as the board of directors, are Leo V. Youngworth, John Lettow, Willard E. Badham, Herbert Reed, Lail Kane, Marvin L. Arnold and C. C. C. Tatum—all of Los Angeles.

The trouble with such organizations as this is that they set themselves up to dictate the conduct of their fellowmen. Citizens or non-citizens are guaranteed the rights of free speech and free assemblage under the Constitution of the United States, and it needs no extra-legal organization to determine whether these rights are being abused. The United States spends many millions of dollars annually in suppressing subversive activities, whether conducted by aliens or citizens. It will be time enough for volunteer organizations to take up the work of the secret service when that body is proved incompetent to handle such matters. Meanwhile it will be conducive to good government to leave such matters to the constituted authorities.

It would appear that in recent years there is an inclination to ape the fascists and nazis of Europe instead of following the principles of democracy. Compelling an alien to become a citizen within a limited period is not calculated to make an American out of him, and "cataloguing" him will only create resentment.

Has it ever occurred to the "patriots" who father such organizations that they are fostering the belief that democracy in America is a failure when they endeavor to use coercion to put into effect their beliefs?

C. I. O. leaders have frequently charged that the American Federation of Labor is not a democratic organization, while the C. I. O. is a model in that respect. Two recent incidents show just how "democratic" the Lewis rump union is. A group of Automobile Workers' Union officials recently were suspended, not by the membership of their union, but by their fellow officers—and it appears to be taken for granted that such a policy is regular. The second instance of C. I. O. "democratic" procedure is the issuance of a call for a state convention, not by the membership at large or even by the unions concerned, but by a "director" appointed (not elected) by Lewis, who himself just assumed the headship of the union he organized. How long is it going to take for C. I. O. workers to learn that they are being humbugged?

The Supreme Court of the State of California has denied the petition of Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, for a writ of mandate denying a place on the ballot for the November election of the proposal sponsored by the so-called "Women of the Pacific" to compel incorporation of labor organizations and surround them with many restrictions. Vandeleur charged that the title written for the proposal by Attorney General Webb misrepresented the purposes of the proposed legislation—which it certainly does. It would be a great public service to publish the names and antecedents of the "Women of the Pacific" and learn the sources of the funds expended for this attempted deception of the workers of the state. It is understood a rehearing will be asked for.

Comment on World Events

L. L. N. S.

Two world events make one wonder whether the world has lost its collective mind, or perhaps whether it ever had one.

One is a gathering of delegates from thirty-two nations at Evian, in France. They are meeting to consider the problem of distributing and settling the refugees who have been driven and are being driven out of Germany and Austria. Their expulsion is due to two things—they do not like Hitler's form of government, or they are Jews. Mostly they are the latter.

Persecution of the Jews has been rampant since the first rise of Naziism; but it is going ahead with extra savagery now. Nazi authorities are openly saying that they will have all Jews out of all German industry within a few months. Suicides of Jews in Austria appear to be numbered by thousands. Sigmund Freud, world famous and 80 years old, was literally ransomed by Jews in other countries after everything he had at home was confiscated.

We think of such things as relics of the dark ages. They are among the compelling events of today.

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The other world event is that the British government is pushing forward and other nations are agreeing to a plan for "withdrawal" of all foreign troops from both sides in Spain There are two facts which make this plan silly The first is that 90 per cent of foreign interference in Spain has been by Italy and Germany; that 70,000 Italian regular soldiers were reported in one of Franco's armies; that Germans are his technicians and in part his aviators; that the Franco rebellion would not have lasted three months without Italian and German help.

And the other fact is that no one can trust either Hitler or Mussolini on anything, and that Mussolini in particular has violated his pledges a dozen times on the Spanish case already.

This is supposed to be an enlightened age. Enlightment means tolerance, absence of persecution, war only from grim necessity. Yet intolerance, savage persecution and war as wanton as the raids of the West Indian buccaneers three centuries ago form a large part of our news.

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Denmark is the latest European nation to give holidays with pay to its industrial workers, the Danish Parliament having recently passed an "Act of Holidays with Pay," which will benefit half a million workers. The act goes partially into effect this month and will be completely in force in 1940.

This act, which lays down a maximum claim of twelve holiday days, applies to all manual and non-manual workers in all industries, except in those cases in which workers already enjoy holidays and pay owing to other statutory provisions (civil servants, apprentices).

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Invalidates 44-Hour Week Law

Pennsylvania's forty-four-hour week law is unconstitutional, the State Supreme Court thinks.

The decision voided the major labor legislation of the 1937 state legislature and the "corner-stone" statute of Governor Earle's "little new deal" administration in Pennsylvania.

Under the act no one employed in Pennsylvania industry could work more than forty-four hours a week or five and one-half eight-hour days, except on specific exemptions granted by the state secretary of labor and industry.

The act originally was found "unconstitutional, illegal and void" by Judge W. C. Sheely of Adams County, sitting specially in Dauphin County Court, last March. The women's forty-four-hour law was not affected by the order. The decision was appealed to the state's highest tribunal.

The law's constitutionality first was challenged by Holgate Brothers' Manufacturing Company of Kane, one of the world's largest wood specialties manufacturers. Later about 800 other employers joined in the suit. Labor organizations arrayed themselves with the state in defending the statute's legality.

The court cited two principal reasons why the act was unconstitutional. They were:

"1. It delegates to the Department of Labor and Industry in conjunction with the Industrial Board the power to make law for the regulation of the hours of labor.

"2. It attempts to hand over to federal authority—whether Congress, executive commission or other agency not yet appearing—plenary power to regulate working hours in Pennsylvania."

The decision was unanimous.

Police Guard Protects Thomas In Second Speech at Newark

Newark, N. J., has demonstrated that it is not following the policy of Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City in regard to free speech.

Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, who was given inadequate police protection when he spoke outdoors there early in June, spoke for an hour on June 25 at a peaceful, police-guarded park meeting. He devoted most of his time to denouncing Mayor Hague. Mindful of the earlier attack on Thomas, more than a hundred policemen were on the scene.

Following the egg-and-vegetable attack by a mob on Thomas when he spoke in Newark previously, the city government investigated the failure of the police to protect Thomas and the Essex County grand jury was charged by Common Pleas Judge Daniel J. Brennan to make a searching inquiry.

Judge Brennan called the attack "disgraceful"; declared that Thomas had the right of protection from individual or mob violence and urged "a most searching investigation" of the whole episode.

Trade unionists say that Newark has had a good reputation as a protector of the right of free speech and other civil liberties.

Questions and Answers

On Old-Age Insurance Provisions of the Social Security Act

Some 40 per cent of the total population of California has applied for Social Security Accounts under the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. Because of the vast number of persons who come under this program this newspaper is publishing a series of questions and answers for the benefit of its readers.

Q. What will happen if I die before reaching 65?

A. Your estate will receive a lump-sum payment or death benefit equal to 3½ per cent of your total wages earned in covered employments after December 31, 1936. Here again, as in the case of federal monthly old-age retirement benefits and lump-sum payments, wages in excess of $3000 a year from any one employer are not counted in computing the amount of benefits.

Q. If my wages are $1000 for a year from included employment for twenty years after 1936, and I die before reaching 65, what will my estate receive?

A. You would have as a basis of benefits a total of $20,000 in wages before your death. Your near relative or estate would receive 3½ per cent of that amount, which is $700.

Applications for old-age insurance lump-sum payments (now payable) should be addressed to J. B. Cress, Manager, Social Security Board, 785 Market street, San Francisco, California.

A Brave Speech

(Washington "Daily News")

Henry Morgenthau, secretary of the treasury, made a fine commencement address at Philadelphia's Temple University. What most impressed us was Mr. Morgenthau's courage when he touched on the topic of civil liberties.

He said that no American can afford to remain neutral in the struggle to preserve those liberties —that he who abstains from the struggle, believing his own rights not in danger, is unconsciously helping the enemy. And he added:

"Failure to defend those liberties in one city, one county or state strikes at the liberties of all of us. When we tolerate the curtailment of constitutional rights in any place by any individual or group of individuals, no matter how close to the seat of government, we make easier an attack upon our own constitutional rights."

Does it seem strange that a public official should be praised for courage in voicing sentiments so obvious and so true? We think this speech did require courage, because Mr. Morgenthau knew that his remarks would be interpreted as aimed at a man who is curtailing constitutional rights in a place very near to Philadelphia—Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City.

Mayor Hague is "close to the seat of government." He is a vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee. And others high in the administration of which Mr. Morgenthau is a member seem to be going on the theory that discreet silence concerning Mayor Hague and his dictatorial tactics is the better part of valor.

DR. BRICO TO LEAD SYMPHONY

The Veterans' Auditorium will be the scene of a "welcome home" concert for Dr. Antonia Brico on the evening of Tuesday, July 19. Dr. Brico returns to California and her home in the Bay area to conduct a group of concerts with the Bay Region Symphony Orchestra. A product of the Oakland schools and the University of California, Dr. Brico has become world famous for her work with the major orchestras of Europe and this country. A program chosen for that evening will include "Variations on a Nursery Theme" by Dohnanyi, the Leonore Overture No. 3, Spring Song of Sibelius and the Brahms Symphony No. 4.

DR. W. N. DEXTER INDORSED

The Sacramento Federated Trades Council has adopted resolutions indorsing the candidacy of Dr. Walter N. Dexter, incumbent, for state superintendent of public instruction, "and requests all central bodies under the banner of the A. F. of L. to do likewise." Dr. Dexter is reported to be "one of the strongest and most fearless supporters of the state printing of state text books."

Unemployment Checks Unclaimed In Department Office at Capital

Approximately $10,000 in unemployment compensation checks is waiting to be claimed at the offices of the State Department of Employment in Sacramento.

This announcement was made by W. F. French, chief of the Division of Unemployment Compensation, who said every effort is being made to distribute these checks to the rightful owners.

Checks constantly are being returned to the department for want of sufficient addresses, French said.

A list of returned checks is mailed monthly to local offices of the department throughout the state and claimants should glance through the list in those offices if they have failed to receive checks because of moving.

It is important for claimants to leave a correct forwarding address when they move, as this will facilitate the distribution of their unemployment compensation.

Wagner Mentioned as Successor to Cardozo

Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democrat of New York, is being prominently mentioned in the nation's capital as successor to Supreme Court Justice Cardozo, but many other names also are mentioned.

Senator's Wagner's friends have represented him as cherishing an ambition to top off his long career of public life by serving on the highest tribunal.

He is understood to have been considered when President Roosevelt made his two previous appointments to the court—those of Justices Hugo L. Black of Alabama and Stanley F. Reed of Kentucky.

On these occasions, however, there was the factor that his appointment would bring to four the number of New Yorkers on the court. Chief Justice Charles E. Hughes, Justices Harlan F. Stone and Cardozo all were appointed from New York.

Westerners are discussing as possible appointees to the vacancy on the nation's highest tribunal Circuit Judge William Denman of San Francisco, Justices Harold M. Stephens of Utah and Justin Miller of California, members of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and among other names receiving mention are those of Ferdinand Pecora and Samuel Roseman, New York Supreme Court judges; Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson, Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana, Dean James M. Landis of Harvard Law School and Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago.

American Communist Party Is Part of Moscow International

The Communist party of the United States is part of the world communist movement having headquarters in Moscow, Earl Browder admitted in New York to a joint legislative committee last week.

Browder, general secretary and spokesman of the Communist party in the United States, was asked:

"Is that part of the Communist party which exists in the United States a part and parcel of the Communist International in Moscow, a world-wide organization looking to the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin?"

"That is correct," he replied.

Senator John J. McNaboe, chairman of the legislative committee, read from the constitution of the Communist party and said:

"This says you are required to 'abide' by any decisions of the Communist International."

"The decision is binding here only when the Communist party of the United States has acted on it," Browder answered.

"Do you mean to tell us you may veto a decision of the Communist International?" the Senator asked.

"That is correct."

"Have you ever vetoed one?"

"Everything we ever had to pass upon we agreed with," said Browder.

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"EXCURSION" AT THE ALCAZAR

As gay an evening of adventure as has been seen in a San Francisco theater in many months was delivered to a packed house at the Alcazar Monday evening with the initial performance of the comedy drama "Excursion." Allan Williams directed "Excursion," and its further success may be attributed in large part to the excellent work of nearly half a hundred performers. Two weeks only in San Francisco are allotted for "Excursion" and then two weeks in the Twelfth Street Theater in Oakland.

PRESSMEN INDORSE MURPHY

Oakland Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union No. 125 has adopted resolutions recommending and indorsing as a candidate for governor of the State of California Hon. Daniel C. Murphy.

To Amend Wagner Act

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor is determined to obtain amendment of the Wagner Labor Relations Act because it is being applied "in a way we never dreamed about."

Green, addressing the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association at Atlantic City, said the A. F. of L. "is wholly and fully responsible for the enactment of the Wagner Act" and that "no loud-mouthed representative of a dual union can claim any credit for it."

But, he added, "we regret that the act has been applied in many instances in a way we never dreamed about, clear out of accord with its letters and spirit, by those with the authority to administer it."

"It is the American Federation of Labor's intention," he said, "to mobilize its political strength in a determined effort to amend this law so that it shall become the act as sponsored and approved by the A. F. of L."

Green said that "we and Senator (Robert F.) Wagner drafted the act and supported it, and no other movement can claim credit for its enactment."

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Ninth Circuit Court Sustains Labor Board

An order of the National Labor Relations Board against the Biles Coleman Lumber Company for reinstatement of striking employees was upheld on Monday last by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in San Francisco.

In so doing Judge William Denman held the reinstatement order applied to two foremen who walked out with other lumber and sawmill workers, although not members of the labor organization involved.

This decision, that non-union as well as union employees must be restored to jobs they left, rules upon a point in labor relations law never decided before, it was said.

The strike took place in April, 1936, at the company's plant in Omak, Wash., over refusal of the company to bargain, the N.L.R.B. found. The president of the company had called a mass meeting of the 600 employees, declared it was impossible to meet demands of the union, that employees were better off without an "outside organization," and told them to go home and talk it over with their wives.

Judge Denman upheld the board's view that this was refusal to bargain. The company objected to reinstating the foremen, who were not members of the union. The court held:

"An entire crew, union or non-union, may strike by reason of an unfair labor practice involving the dismissal of only one man."

Nothing in the act, he said, limits the reinstatement remedy to members of a labor organization.

MAKES GOOD HIS THREAT

Andrew Williams, owner of one of the largest food stores in Oakland, closed down his places of business in Oakland, El Cerrito and Pittsburg last Saturday, after having discharged and paid off his 115 employees. This was in accordance with a threat made earlier in the week, that unless the Retail Food Clerks' Union revoked its regulations regarding early and Sunday closing he would close his stores. The union stated that if a majority of the stores wanted the agreement amended it was willing to negotiate an amendment; otherwise it was unable to change the regulations as to one employer.

STICKERS ON MOTOR VEHICLES

Chief E. Raymond Cato of the California Highway Patrol is urging observance of the law which specifically states that no sticker or stickers on automobiles shall cover an area in excess of seven by seven inches in the lower corner of the windshield farthest removed from the driver. The use of stickers on rear or side windows of a car are prohibited. Violation of these regulations is a misdemeanor.

New Hampshire Federation Head Is Awarded Degree by Dartmouth

John L. Barry, president of the New Hampshire State Federation of Labor, has received the distinction of being awarded an honorary degree of Master of Arts by Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. Barry has been an active member of the Cigar Makers' Local No. 192 of Manchester, N. H., for more than forty years. The honor conferred on him by Dartmouth is appreciated by his large number of friends throughout New England and in other sections of the United States.

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Humorous Propaganda Gives Needed Warning

Some humorist with an eye on what is transpiring in the industrial world is circulating a piece of literature which is patterned after a $1 bill. It is captioned, "Labor Suicide Assessment, issued in lieu of solidarity and fellowship lost under the C. I. O." Instead of the customary "One Dollar," indicating its denomination, appears the following: "One CImOleon for a war to capture or destroy American labor unions."

The face of the phony bill is embellished with a cartoon of the C. I. O. leader, captioned "Dictatorship," and the objects, to "promote disruption, invade East Coast, smash A. F. of L. unions, violate picket lines, raid treasuries, import finks, discredit all labor, provoke fascism." On the opposite side of the cartoon is the statement, "Not to be used to organize the unorganized, fight open shop, oppose tory legislation, put money in workers' pockets, improve job conditions, oust communist disrupters, fight reaction," and the admonition, "Give Till It Hurts!"

On the reverse side of the make-believe currency is the "Warning—Don't Let the C. I. O. Fakers Pick Your Pocket!" beneath which is the following:

"Actual results have proved that the C. I. O. has failed to organize more unorganized workers than would have been lined up if the C. I. O. had never been launched. Nearly everyone now knows that John L. Lewis used the slogan as 'sucker bait' in his effort to become czar of American labor.

"It is a known fact that the C. I. O. long ago abandoned the program of 'organizing the unorganized' in favor of 'boring from within' established unions in order to capture or raid them. Disruption has followed the C. I. O. like its shadow. Inter-union warfare, started by the C. I. O., has weakened and discredited all unions. As a result, open shop employers are now tempted to try to crush all unions.

"Can you afford to let the open shop triumph? Do you want to see the labor movement set back 100 years? Do you want to join hands with the bosses in helping to destroy organizations that mean bread and butter to other wage earners like yourself?

"Why help John L. Lewis in his insane scheme to capture or wreck the A. F. of L.? Why help Harry Bridges invade the already organized East Coast? Why not leave such contemptible union-busting activities to the strike-breaking agencies of the employers?

"C. I. O. members are now being assessed for the specific purpose of fighting the A. F. of L. These are suicide assessments. They benefit no one but the bosses. Why contribute hard-earned money to cut your own throat and the throats of your fellow workers?

"Dual unionism is the royal road to the open shop and fascism. Every dollar that you contribute to the C. I. O. is worth a thousand dollars to open-shop reactionaries.

"The A. F. of L. is here to stay! Why not come to your senses before it is too late and close ranks against the common enemy? Why not try to regain the economic power, public esteem and solidarity that you have lost through being misled into the communist-controlled dual union experiment?

"Why not get back into the labor movement, where you belong?"

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Remarkable Accomplishments of Amalgamated Street Railway Men

Despite the business "recession," during which employers have forced thousands and thousands of employees to accept drastic wage slashes, the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, by means of its strong organization and firm policies, has not only guarded practically all of its members against reductions in pay but has actually won wage increases for a considerable portion of its membership.

The high points in this remarkable record for maintaining and even improving wage rates during this "recession" are given in an editorial in the July issue of "The Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator," the official journal of the Amalgamated Association.

"Out of this entire organization," the editorial says, "a mere handful of members, employed upon three properties, have suffered wage reductions. Two are small operations involving a total of 104 men. On the other system, which employs 1255 men, the reduction is temporary. The previous high rate there will, according to the agreement, be restored on October 1.

Union-Labeled Shoes

A circular letter from the Wisconsin District Joint Council of the International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union states it is anxious to communicate with fellow trade unionists to give information relative to the union label in their industry.

"We ask you to buy American-made shoes," says the letter, and "also ask you to beware of false labels that are intended to deceive. Such wording on shoes as 'union-made' is liable to mislead trade unionists into believing they are supporting legitimate union labels.

"The union stamp of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union has been in use for more than forty years. It indicates that shoes bearing this emblem are not only made in America but represents that employer and worker relationship is fair and democratic.

"Every style, type and grade of men's, boys', women's, misses' and children's shoes is manufactured in Wisconsin, bearing our union stamp. We would further appreciate any effort on the part of your membership to so advise every shoe dealer in your community and refuse to be stampeded into accepting any substitute for the genuine."

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President Roosevelt's Visit to San Francisco

The extended program arranged for the entertainment of President Roosevelt, who was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco at noon yesterday (Thursday), was amended at the President's request when it was learned that a visit to Hetch Hetchy would interfere with his plans for viewing the beauties and wonders of Yosemite and the big trees of Mariposa.

The President's special train was expected to reach Crockett at 9 a. m., to be met by the official welcoming committee, consisting of Mayor Rossi, Senator McAdoo, Congressman Frank H. Buck and George Creel. Passing over the Sears Point cut-off to San Rafael and thence to the north end of the Golden Gate bridge, an army unit was to fire salutes.

The route of the presidential party included a leisurely trip over the bridge and along the Marina boulevard, which would be reached at about 11:20 p. m., proceeding down Marina boulevard to Fort Mason, south on Van Ness avenue to Grove street, reaching the Civic Center at 11:35 a. m. Circling the block, the parade was to continue south on Polk street, to Tenth, over Tenth to Bryant and east on Bryant to the Bay bridge.

The President was to cross the bridge to Treasure Island, arriving there about noon, to be guest at a luncheon, commencing at 12:30 p. m., given by the Golden Gate International Exposition.

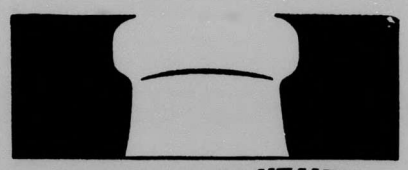
At 1 p. m. the President was to leave the island, board the cruiser Houston at Oakland and review the fleet from the deck of that ship.

At 11 p. m. the chief executive was due to leave the Houston and board his official train for Yosemite.

WOOLWORTH'S HIT BY STRIKE

Seventy-five members of the Warehousemen's Union, Local 1-6, C. I. O., went on strike Tuesday last at the F. W. Woolworth 5-and-10-cent stores warehouse at 333 Bryant street when scale negotiations deadlocked. The union asked that the present five-and-a-half day be changed to the forty-hour week, and for increases in the existing 70 cents an hour minimum wage. The firm expressed a willingness to renew last year's contract.

Congressman Bertrand Snell retires to private life after twenty-four years in Congress, wholly unmarred by a liberal vote or an original idea.



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Run o' the Hook

By GEO. S. HOLLIS
President Typographical Union No. 21

The next stated meeting of San Francisco Typographical Union will be held Sunday, July 17, in Convention Hall, Labor Temple, 2940 Sixteenth street, corner of Capp. The meeting will be called to order at 1 p. m. As the volume of business to be transacted is large and some time will be required for its proper consideration, it is desired that the members assemble at the appointed time that the meeting may be opened promptly at the hour scheduled.

In the death of Charles D. Staples San Francisco Union suffers the loss of one of its oldest and highly esteemed members. Mr. Staples, who was a native of Oakland, California, and in the seventieth year of his life, passed away last Tuesday at his home in Tamalpais Valley, Marin County. He had been a composing room employee of "The Call" and its successors intermittently since 1892 and continuously for the last thirty years until his retirement five months ago because of failing health. He had the honor of filling the office of chairman of the composing room chapel of what is now the "Call-Bulletin" longer than any of his predecessors, approximately ten years. He joined the San Francisco Police Department in 1898 and left that service in 1904 to resume printing. He was a member of the Widows and Orphans' Aid Association and of the Union Printers' Mutual Aid Society. Fond of the great outdoors, Mr. Staples devoted his vacation periods principally to fishing and hunting and had a host of friends among the lovers of those sports. He found no greater pleasure in anything than he did in the presentation of a succulent mallard or canvasback or irresistible specimens of a speckled trout or striped bass to a friend. Surviving members of Mr. Staples' family are his wife, Katie Staples; two daughters, Mrs. Bernice Bagot and Mrs. Annette Bates, and two sons, Fred L. and Albert Staples. Mr. Staples' remains were brought to a San Francisco mortuary, where funeral services were held yesterday. Inurnment was at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park.

Charles P. Bergsten, member of Chicago Typographical Union, paid a brief visit at local union headquarters this week. Mr. Bergsten was on his annual vacation, most of which he spent with his daughter, who is a resident of San Francisco. He is employed on the "American Medical Journal," published in Chicago.

The eight and a half pound son born to the wife of Victor Myers, chairman of the "Call-Bulletin" chapel, has been christened Kenneth Lyle. The young man made his initial bow to the world when most of his neighbors were recovering from their celebration of Independence Day. He was born July 5 at Stanford Hospital. To show his importance, he kept his daddy busy passing out the smokes and receiving congratulations for some days after his arrival.

The "Typographical Forum" of New York City designates the following as the main features of "Big Six's" proposed newspaper scale:

"Hours—The new scale carries a demand for a six-hour five-day week and for four shifts a day to start at 8 a. m. (day shift), 2 p. m. (afternoon shift), 8 p. m. (night shift), 2 a. m. (morning shift).

"Newspapermen are now working 37½ hours a week on day and night shifts and 35 hours on 'lobster' shifts.

"Wages—Day shift, $57.30; afternoon shift, $59.70; night shift, $59.70; morning shift, $62.70. These contrast wages of $57.15, $59.66 and $62.17 now being paid.

"Overtime—Shall be paid at double price instead of the present time and one-half; shall be computed in 15-minute periods instead of the present 5-minute periods. Evening newspapers publishing six days a week shall pay double time for Sunday work.

"Vacations—Members employed in any newspaper plant for more than one year shall receive one week's vacation with pay at the scale wage; two years or more, two weeks.

"Struck work—The union will reserve the right to withdraw its members in the event there is a strike in another department and conditions arise to endanger the physical well-being of any of its members.

"Apprentices—The consent of the chapel shall be necessary before any man the employer may choose can become an apprentice.

"Also included in the proposed scale are provisions inserted by the scale committee to take care of a five-point mandate given it by the membership. The provisions include: Elimination of the stagger system, elimination of the joint standing committee, equitable distribution of all extra work.

"For the first time in 'Big Six' history the union will negotiate for linotype machine helpers, monotype runners and office boys (proofboys, etc.).

"Proposed wages for lino helpers run from $25 for the first year to $35 after four full years; for mono runners, $17 to $41; for office boys the proposed scale is from $21 for the first year to $27.50 for the fourth year and thereafter.

"All these wages are for the thirty-hour workweek, and call for double time for overtime."

It is said that R. V. ("Vern") McDill, apprentice member of the Sunset chapel and son of the late George W. McDill, former affiliate of San Francisco Typographical Union, is devoting a large part of his spare time to the study of pediatrics and child psychology, his particular subject being the lusty son born to his wife. "Vern" is so intensely interested in his new field of endeavor little or no opportunity is afforded his friends to see him except during the hours he is engaged in his bread winning work. Congratulations to you and the baby's mother, "Vern," who, according to report, are "doing nicely."

Ralph Richards of Detroit Typographical Union, on an automobile tour of the western half of the country, spent a few days of the current week in San Francisco. Mr. Richards is an employee of the Willens Printing Company of Detroit, an advertising agency. He visited the Union Printers' Home en route to the Coast. He was accompanied by his wife.

Softball Notes

A three-way tie for first place marked the Sunday Morning Softball League's standings at the close of last Sunday's contests. McKale Co., H. & L. Block and Knights of Pythias have won three and lost one, and they are followed by California Cable Railroad Co., B'nai B'rith and Printers.

The Blocks knocked over Knights of Pythias, 10-4, while McKale Co. eked out a 5-4 decision over the Printers. B'nai B'rith forfeited their game to the streetcar men.

Although outhitting their rivals, 11 to 5, the Printers failed to connect in the clutches, leaving 13 men on bases, while five McKale men were stranded.

The Printers tallied two runs in the first. McKales counted one in the second. Printers added another in the third. In the last of the third, two walks and two hits, one a homer, accounted for four runs and McKales led, 5-3. The Printers scored again in their half of the fourth to end the scoring.

The Printers played their best game so far, turning in some dandy fielding, and committed but two errors. Harvey Bell, Paul Coontz and Dick Smith garnered two hits apiece.

Next Sunday, in the league's finale, the Printers meet the Pythians, 11:45 a. m. The two 9:45 games are B'nai B'rith vs. Blocks and McKales vs. Cablemen. All games will be played in Golden Gate Park's "Big Rec," Seventh avenue and Lincoln way.

A new league will be formed in a few weeks. There is room for new teams. Fifteen players are allowed each team. Prior to the first game, a list of players is required by S. F. Recreation Department.

REMINDER OF AMERICAN REVOLT

Chinese in the Penang Straits Settlement dumped a cargo of Japanese soy beans into the harbor; and, do you know, the British observers there immediately recognized the likeness to the Boston tea party?

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A.F.L. Urges Higher Pay And Wage Slash Fight

Emphasis on the necessity of organized labor using its strength both to secure increases in pay envelope contents and to prevent wage slashes featured the current issue of the Monthly Survey of Business of the American Federation of Labor.

Reviewing business and labor conditions for the first six months of 1938, the Survey said:

"It is clear that an increase in industrial production is the nation's chief economic need; equally clear that production cannot increase if buying power is cut away. With rising production unit costs will be reduced, the danger of widespread wage-cutting will fade out as business improves.

"But there is still the possibility that some industry employing a large number of workers might cut wages and start off a series of wage cuts throughout industry. If this happens it would have so strong a deflationary effect as to offset the beginnings of improvement and start business into a further decline."

Business Reports Brighten Outlook

Declaring that a number of industrial reports had recently brightened the business outlook, the Survey said "it is too early to tell whether they mark a temporary or a more permanent improvement," adding:

"The railroads are still in serious difficulties, with possible receiverships looming for a few roads. The down-trend of prices is not yet clearly checked. Steel and the heavy industries are still at very low levels, many operating in the red. There is still some talk of wage cuts. Although the supply of bank credit is liberal and rates low, business has not yet started to borrow.

Over Eleven Million Jobless

"There are still 11,400,000 unemployed, and workers' buying power is not increasing.

"The situation is still critical and it will probably be some time before the government spending program lifts industry to definitely higher levels.

"Union resistance to wage cuts is especially important. Union insistence on wage increases whenever industry can pay them is equally vital. This is the time for union co-operation to save costs."

San Francisco Butchers' Union Successful Over C. I. O. in Election

On July 7 at Washington the National Labor Relations Board certified the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen (A. F. of L.) as exclusive bargaining agency for employees of the California Wool Scouring Company, San Francisco.

Certification was based on a board-conducted election June 7 in which the A. F. of L. union polled 22 votes against 12 for the Textile Workers' Organizing Committee (C. I. O.).

TIGHTENING THE LINES

The executive council of the California State Federation of Labor, at its quarterly meeting in Santa Barbara last week, considered a motion to exclude San Francisco Local 68 of the International Machinists' Union because of its asserted friendship with the C. I. O. and other groups to which the Federation is hostile.

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NEW ORLEANS UNION DRIVE

The organization committee of the American Federation of Labor is engaged in organizing retail clerks, meat cutters, and packing house workers in New Orleans. A strong nucleus is working hard to enlarge the membership.

Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The regular monthly meeting of San Francisco Mailers' Union will be held at the Labor Temple on Sunday, June 17.

The existing situation has slowed down the M.T.D.U. The mailer injunction must be taken into account. Only by its inclusion can a settlement be reached between contending parties or groups, if the result is to be based upon justice with the welfare of all in mind. The injunction should be withdrawn. A proposed "new" M.T.D.U. is a retrograde movement to suit partisan purpose or to further domination, as, for example, herding all mailers into an M.T.D.U. under an alleged mailer "leadership." Inevitably, such a scheme would lead to a few self-seeking politicians undoubtedly controlling a mailer vote for vote-trading purposes. Ugly facts in this connection are furnished by the past history of the M.T.D.U. If there is to be reasonable hope for further progress, those unions not affiliated with the M.T.D.U. should do all in their power to hasten the dissolution of that organization.

Twenty-three unions voted for candidates for M.T.D.U. offices. Los Angeles seceded from the M.T.D.U. several years ago, yet a tabulation of the vote by the official election board shows that union voted as follows: President, Martin, 13; vice-president, Glicker, 10; secretary-treasurer, Anderson, 10; Roberts, 7.

Labor Is Conscripted By German Government

Universal labor conscription went into effect in Germany on July 1, says A. F. of L. Weekly News Service, in accordance with the decree of Field Marshal Hermann Goering, Nazi commissioner for the so-called "four-year plan" to secure maximum economic output. German employers working on "especially important and unpostponable orders" were instructed to file their applications for conscript labor with local labor offices.

The administration of the conscript labor law is under Dr. Friedrich Syrup, president of the Reich Institute for Labor Placement and Unemployment Insurance, who stated that the conscripts will be used as much as possible in accordance with their training and capacities and that they will not become economically worse off than before conscription. Employers were urged to keep workers over 65 who want to continue working.

Right of All to Jobs Affirmed by Williams

The right of every worker to a job and a guarantee that if private industry fails to provide the job government projects will enter the field with work opportunities were emphasized as essential for American social progress by Aubrey Williams, deputy W.P.A. administrator, in a paper prepared for the National Conference on Social Work and read to the social action section of the conference in Seattle last week.

After reviewing the development of federal programs for relief of the unemployed Williams said:

"From the point of view of social justice and economic efficiency the proper way to deal with the unemployed is for the government to provide everyone with socially useful work at his regular occupation or as near as possible to it, and at his regular rate of pay.

"Under modern conditions of depressed purchasing power this assertion of the right to work, the right to a job, is not visionary social idealism—it is simple economic realism, for it is the cheapest way to obtain full economic recovery."

A GRATEFUL IMMIGRANT

Caesar Gerard, an immigrant, who died recently in Newark, N. J., at the age of 57, left his $16,000 estate to the United States, stating "I made my money in this country, and I leave it to the country in which I made it."

Truth About Ringling

In order to correct certain exaggerated stories appearing in the daily newspapers relative to the reasons for the closing of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus at Scranton, Pa., Ralph Whitehead, executive secretary of the American Federation of Actors, has issued a statement which has been made public by the American Federation of Labor Information and Publicity Service.

The secretary of the Actors' Federation states that the president of the show company, despite a contract with the union, tried to force a wage slash of 25 per cent, and refused to accept the union's offer to accept a pay cut if an examination of the corporation's books showed it was losing money, as it claimed.

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S. F. Labor Council

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters phone, MArket 6304.

Synopsis of Minutes of Meeting Held Friday Evening, July 8, 1938

Called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President John F. Shelley.

Roll Call of Officers—All present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting—Approved as printed in Labor Clarion.

Credentials—Bookbinders and Bindery Women No. 31-125, Kate Farber vice Catherine McCarthy; Automobile Mechanics No. 1305, Frank O. Hopp vice Sam Gersh; Carpenters No. 483, P. J. Clifford and Lewis F. Stone; Lumber Clerks and Lumbermen No. 2559, Paul Fitzwilliam and Bruce Gillette, vice William Foley and Albert Rice; Operating Engineers No. 64, Richard Paterson, K. A. Walsh, Al Riddell, F. Louargand, William A. Speers, D. Richardson, George Ryan and J. Skinner; Painters No. 1158, Fred Harris and Jerry O'Dea; Retail Department Store Employees No. 1100, I. Berg vice Margit Larsen; Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410, Frank O'Brien vice John B. Torrenga; Street Railway Employees No. 1004, Charles A. Blakely vice D. C. Wagers; Waitresses No. 48, Frankie Behan, Anna Hensley, Gussie Neubert, Mary Everson, Marguerite Finkenbinder, Lizzie Bryant, Nonie Cordes, Irene Slater, Louise Halverson and Lettie Howard. Delegates seated.

Communications—Building and Construction Trades Council. Operating Engineers No. 64, relating to boycott of Stanford Hospital and publicity campaign. San Francisco "Chronicle," acknowledging receipt of $10 donation to Chinese relief from Street Car Men No. 518.

Referred to Labor Clarion: Wisconsin District Council of Boot and Shoe Workers, relative to the union label used in manufacturing shoes in the cities of that state.

Referred to Executive Committee: Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, request for picket sanction on Beauty Salon at 248 Powell street. Agreement of News Vendors' Union. Optical Technicians and Workers, complaint against Riggs Optical Company, 211 Flood building.

Announcement by Chairman Joe Murphy and Secretary Joe Baker, Shelley for Senator Ball Committee, relative to ball in Dreamland Rink on the evening of July 30.

Report of Executive Committee—Controversy between operator of Market and Fourth Street Garage, Charles Evans, and Garage Workers' Union, concerning wages and working conditions in a number of garages, was discussed at length; matter held in abeyance for ten days to enable parties to adjust their differences. Complaint of the same union against the garage located at 150 Lunado Way, operated by F. M. Bowles, was referred to the officers for adjustment. Committee of Office Employees No. 21320 discussed with committee their controversy with the Safeway Stores, Inc., and it was decided to call before the committee the representatives of the several organizations that might be involved to the next meeting of the committee. Report concurred in.

Reports of Unions—The Department Store Employees will hold their outing and picnic at Neptune Beach July 10. Operating Engineers expressed their appreciation to the officers of the Labor Council for their assistance in negotiations with employers. The union will promote the candidacy of Brother Shelley for election as senator for this district to the State Legislature. Textile Workers No. 410 request a demand for the Clerks' button when making purchases.

Receipts, $795; **expenditures,** $419.42.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p. m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize List" of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of Labor Unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it.

Austin Studio, 833 Market.
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Florsheim Shoe Company Stores.
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Golden State Bakery, 1840 Polk.
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.
Gordon's Sea Food Grotto, Ferry Building.
Haas Bros. Candy Stores.
Howard Automobile Company.
Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company.
L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Navlett Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Photo-Chrome Company, 4240 Hollis, Emeryville.
Pig 'n' Whistle Candy Stores.
Remington-Rand Inc., 509 Market.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster streets.
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Woodstock Typewriter Company, 21 Second.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.
All Non-Union independent taxicabs.
Barber shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of Hair Dressers and Cosmetologists' Union No. 148-A are unfair.

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Labor Day Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held Saturday Evening, July 9, 1938

The regular meeting of the committee was called to order at 8 p. m. by Secretary John A. O'Connell. In the absence of the chairman and the vice-chairman the following were elected temporary officers: Chairman pro tem., Daniel P. Haggerty; vice-chairman pro tem., James Gallagher. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

A number of credentials for five additional delegates for each union were received and ordered to be listed by the secretary, and hereafter all such credentials will be listed by the secretary without further action by the General Committee.

About 250 delegates were in attendance, and their names recorded by the sergeant-at-arms.

Reports of Unions: Nearly all the unions represented gave preliminary reports as to their intentions or actions already taken to participate in the celebration.

Among the announcements made by delegates it became evident that all the unions, with but few execptions, will take part in the parade and do their utmost to present a large turnout, with bands, floats and other paraphernalia, in commemoration of this great event.

The following unions reported that they are to take immediate action or have already decided on the character of their turnouts: Auto Mechanics No. 1305, Molders No. 164, Technical Engineers No. 11, Newsvendors, Garment Cutters No. 45, Street Carmen, Division 518; Street Carmen, Division 1004; American Federation of Actors, Theatrical Employees, Jewelry Workers, United Garment Workers, Stove Mounters, Stereotypers and Electrotypers, Teamsters No. 85, Shoe and Textile Salesmen, Department Store Employees, Carpenters No. 22, Casket Makers, Cement Finishers, Asbestos Workers, Sheet Metal Workers, Lathers, Ship Fitters, Patternmakers, Elevator Constructors, Pile Drivers and Warehousemen No. 860.

The secretary reported that the chief of police has issued the license for the parade on Labor Day, and that the Arrangements Committee is at work making its arrangements for the celebration.

After some discussion it was decided that hereafter the General Committee will meet each Saturday evening before Labor Day at 8 o'clock sharp.

The chairman will, at the next meeting, announce the names of all appointed to the various committees.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

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Politics Not in Order

Jack Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, created considerable merriment at last Friday night's meeting of the central body by attempting in a roundabout way to rule himself out of order.

Under the order of business of "reports of unions" several delegates started to deliver campaign speeches in behalf of Shelley's race for state senator, and were admonished that such speeches were contrary to the constitution of the Council. However, Delegate Hugo Ernst of the culinary trades succeeded in delivering a telling campaign address before the gavel of the presiding officer shut off the oratory, and his remarks were accorded general applause.

Delegate Speers of the Operating Engineers created considerable amusement when told by Shelley that his remarks transgressed the rules of the Council relating to political discussions by remarking that he was reporting for his union, and continued his campaign speech until the gavel finally shut off his remarks.

A general air of good humor prevailed, and the meeting was one of the shortest on record.

Enthusiasm for Candidate Murphy Reported by Campaign Headquarters

Highlight of Daniel C. Murphy's campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor this week was the unanimous indorsement given the San Francisco sheriff by the American Federation of Labor Political League of California in convention at Santa Barbara.

"With such a political prize to be won," William V. Hollingbery, campaign manager, said, "all the candidates for the nomination naturally exerted every influence and put forth their best arguments to obtain it.

"When the votes were counted Murphy was so far out in front that a motion to make the indorsement unanimous was received with cheers."

Called to the platform, Sheriff Murphy sounded a note of harmony. "We can win," he said, "if we all get together."

As the delegates represented every section in California, Murphy's campaign managers said, they constituted a powerful basis for political action throughout the state.

Murphy headquarters announced a spreading out of campaign activities. A central bureau was established in Oakland, at 1318 Webster street, with James Doyle in charge. In Sacramento the Hotel Land became the center of Valley activities. A bureau in Fresno was opened to take care of the San Joaquin.

In fact, Murphy headquarters announced, enthusiasm was at a new high all along the line.

PRESS CLUB RUKUS

On July 16, the San Francisco Press Club will hold its annual Rukus at Treasure Island. It will be the first ball held on the site of the Golden Gate International Exposition. It is expected that Al Jolson will come from Hollywood to act as master of ceremonies. Sally Rand will also be on hand with her fans—both feathered and male. The club is celebrating its golden jubilee this year and claims the distinction of having the oldest constitution of any press club in the United States.

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SWEEPING UNION CONTRACT SIGNED

The Building and Construction Council of Contra Costa County has signed with the Contractors' Association one of the most remarkable contracts in the state. It is a strictly union shop agreement, covering the thirty-two crafts belonging to the Council. It provides for payment of wages exactly according to the schedules presented by the Council. And it provides a council clearance card to be recognized on the job.

American Can's San Jose Plant Signs Contract With Employees

Signing of a contract on Thursday of last week between the American Can Company and the employees of its San Jose plant, following the return to work of the strikers, has raised hopes for an early end of the strike against the company in four other California cities. The contract provides a 60-cent hourly wage for apprentices, 65 cents after two months, and a 67½ cent top scale, time and a half for overtime, a week's vacation with pay for employees with the company a year, a five-day, forty-hour week, overtime on Saturdays, and seniority.

I. L. A. Loses in Court

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (C. I. O.) last week won two important court decisions which in effect declared it to be owner and administrator of the contract under which longshoremen are working in United States Pacific Coast ports.

Superior Judge Elmer Robinson denied a request of the San Francisco A. F. of L. International Longshoremen's Association, Local 38-79, and the Tacoma A. F. of L. local for injunctions to prevent the I. L. W. U. from administering the contract with waterfront employers and shipowners.

He based his decision upon an order of the National Labor Relations Board certifying the I. L. W. U. as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for longshoremen.

Of particular import in view of coming negotiations between waterfront employers and the I. L. W. U. was Judge Robinson's refusal of a request by the Tacoma I. L. A. that the C. I. O. longshoremen's organization be restrained from negotiating for the Tacoma local.

The N.L.R.B. had designated the I. L. W. U. as representative of all longshoremen, including the 600 in the Port of Tacoma who voted to remain in the A. F. of L. and refused to follow the majority of longshoremen into the C. I. O.

Judge Robinson held, in effect, that the contract in question was either terminated, through inability of the I. L. A. to perform, since it did not have the men necessary to work docks, or that it was renewed with the I. L. W. U.

Optical Technicians

The Regional Labor Board, through E. C. Neal, has granted the Optical Workers a favorable decision against the American Optical Company.

Mackay Hunt, secretary of the union, was discharged by this firm some months ago, immediately after he had been elected secretary of the union. The union at once filed charges before the Labor Board, and produced witnesses that Hunt was discharged for union activities.

The American Optical Company and the Riggs Optical Company, largest manufacturers and suppliers of optical goods in the nation, have long been a thorn in the side of the Optical Workers in their efforts to organize the industry. Many cases of discrimination have been filed before the Labor Board on past occasions, but sufficient evidence could not be obtained to warrant a decision in favor of the union.

The union a few months ago, with the assistance of Secretary John A. O'Connell of the Labor Council, reached a satisfactory working agreement with the Retail Optical Dealers. These firms were Trainer Parsons, John F. Wooster, Jenkel-Davidson, Hirsch-Kay, and Herman Davis & Son.

Therefore the Optical Workers are requesting the San Francisco Labor Council to put the Riggs Optical Company, located in the Flood building, San Francisco, on the "We Don't Patronize List."

SAILORS WANT A. F. OF L. CHARTER

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific has voted to ask President Green of the A. F. of L. for a charter which would give them jurisdiction over seamen and unlicensed personnel throughout the United States and Canada, according to a local publication.

Roosevelt Protection Against Revolution, Communist Declares

Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist party, told 3000 persons at a labor picnic at Finleyville, Pa., that his party will support President Roosevelt only until a "more socialistic leader appears."

Browder added that "the Roosevelt administration" is the "economic royalists' best protection against revolution, although they are too stupid to realize it."

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Executive Council of State Federation Meets

Authority for a state-wide campaign of publicity to inform the public and members of organized labor of methods being used by certain officers of the National Labor Relations Board was authorized by the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor during a two-day session in Santa Barbara Friday and Saturday of last week.

Practices of the labor board were discussed in detail, and it was agreed that the board was not carrying out the Wagner act as it was intended to be carried out, but was playing favorites with the C. I. O.

The council also appointed two acting vice-presidents to serve until the convention of the Federation in September, to fill two vacancies. Ralph Gettys, business representative of the Laundry Workers and Dry Cleaners, Local No. 86, was named to succeed the late Clarence E. Dowd as vice-president of District No. 7, Fresno. Russ Roberts, member of the painters and business representative of the Contra Costa County Building Trades Council, of Martinez, was named to succeed J. L. Von Tellrop, resigned, as vice-president of District No. 12.

The council adjourned in memory of Vice-President Dowd of the Fresno district and the secretary was instructed to prepare a resolution of condolence. Dowd died suddenly in March.

Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur reported twenty-nine new local unions and one central council affiliated with the Federation since the last meeting of the council in March.

Council Starts a "Purge"

The first move in a new drive to purge the Federation of unions friendly to the C. I. O. in any way was taken, and the council suspended Machinists' Lodge No. 68, San Francisco, from affiliation, and the secretary was ordered to advise the Machinists' International of the facts in the case.

A Santa Barbara delegation headed by Bee Turner of the Culinary Allience appeared before the council with a request that the Busy Hotels, operators of the Hotel Carrillo, Santa Barbara, and others, be placed on the "We Don't Patronize List" of the Federation. Because of the seriousness of the situation the practice of not placing individual establishments not engaged in intrastate business on the list was complied with.

A series of reports were made by the organizers of the Federation, all of which indicated that the C. I. O. is on the wane in many districts, because the workers are tiring of being assessed heavily to support other than union activities, particularly in relation to communist activities. The council voted confidence and thanks for the hard work of the organizers.

Lengthy discussion was held over the various anti-labor proposals now being circulated for the coming elections, or already enacted in some communities, and these matters were referred for action to the A. F. of L. Political League of California, which was to meet July 9 and 10.

Agriculture and Canning

Romeo F. Vatuone of San Jose, president of the National Council of Agricultural Workers, made a lengthy report on organization in the agricultural and cannery industry, in which he said the C. I. O. was virtually a failure in this field.

On appeal of A. R. Silk, president of the Salinas Central Labor Council, the executive group adopted a resolution urging legislation to change the waiting period for payment of unemployment compensation from four to two weeks.

Because two recent political conventions of labor have been held in Santa Barbara, the board heard arguments in favor of moving the September convention of the Federation to San Jose, which was reconsidered after an investigation, and the convention will meet in Santa Barbara. The dates were changed, however, from September 12 to 17 to September 19 to 24.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS

Approximately $300,000,000 has been invested in municipal airports by 738 American cities. This is equal to $30,000 for each private and commercial transport plane in the country.

Low Living Standards

Cheap wages mean low buying power. Low buying power means low standards of living, and that means low taxable values; and therefore, a difficulty in maintaining good schools, good highways, sanitation and other public improvements.—President Roosevelt.

Mooney-Billings Rally

John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Councli, and candidate for state senator, will speak at the free Mooney and Billings rally in San Francisco Civic Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, August 14, it is announced by the San Francisco Bay Area A. F. of L. Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings, sponsoring the meeting.

Principal speaker will be Congrgessman Jerry J. O'Connell, liberal Montana Democrat, and one of the outstanding champions of civil liberty in the United States.

Shelley has taken a leading role in the struggle to free Mooney and Billings. He is chairman of the committee sponsoring the meeting and has spoken at and presided over many other meetings in the campaign to win their freedom, as well as led the fight in A. F. of L. ranks to win Mooney a pardon.

Nurse Makes Plea for City Housing Project

Municipal co-operation with the local Housing Authority in elimination of unfit dwellings and construction of low-rental housing units was recommended last week by the Board of Supervisors' Public Buildings Committee.

By unanimous vote the committee approved a resolution authorizing the city to enter into contract with the authority which would obligate the city to condemn 660 unsafe or unsanitary dwelling units.

Miss Helen Reynolds, director of the Visiting Nurses' Association, struck the keynote for those advocating the resolution when she declared that "a majority of illness in San Francisco occurs in lowest income groups in congested areas."

"Four out of five tuberculosis cases are found in low income groups," she said. "It is impossible to make people well or to keep them well in cold, damp houses."

Ousted Leaders Protest

A group of suspended leaders of the United Auto Workers' Union aired their grievances in a long conference with John L. Lewis, C. I. O. chief, in Washington on Monday last.

Afterward one of the men, Richard T. Frankensteen, a suspended vice-president, told reporters it was "essential" to call a special convention of union members to clear up the factional strife which led to the suspensions.

Frankensteen, who was accompanied by Ed Hall, Wyndham Mortimer and Georges Addes, declined to say whether Lewis would take any action of his own to settle the quarrel.